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25X1 PIC 1. PS Brigade in Plana

2. Border Guard in the Area South of Lanlice

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 27 November 1951

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REMARKS

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PS Brigade in Plana.

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1. The PS brigade in Plana (N 50/P 55) with , POB 56/11C, was sub-ordinate to in Praha until 16 November 1951. other brigades were stationed in Susice (Schuettenhofen) (N 50/Q 28), Probezovice (N 50/P 61), Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69) and Cheb (N 51/P 37).

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2. Subordinate to the brigade were a battalion in Lesna (Schoenwald N 50/P 43); the 2d Bn with POB 56/19, in Halze (N 50/P 44); a battalion in Dolni Zandov (N 51/P 46) and a battalion in Rozvadov (Rosshaupt)(N 50/P 45). Each battalion had five companies.

3. Staff Captain Hromadko (fnu) was the commander of the brigade until August 1951. Senior Lieutenant Neperony (fnu) was the DOZ officer; Senior Lieutenant Mikula (fnu) was the commanding officer of the 2d Bn and Captain Polozinec (fnu) was the chief of training unit in Chodova Plana (Kuttenplan)(N 50/P 55). (1)

4. In February 1951, the old German gasmasks were turned in and replaced by new Czech ones the filters of which were carried in a side pocket. The signal center of the 2d Bn in Halze in October 1951 was equipped with 3 radio sets of Canadian origin and 3 radio sets of German origin, a Tesla made switchboard for 50 connections, 15 German and 4 Czech field telephones and cables, 30 km long. The commander of the 2d Bn stated that the battalions would receive mortars and AT guns in the spring of 1952. (2)

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Border Guard in the Area South of C.Herslak.

5. A PS headquarters to which PS units in Hor.Dvoriste (O 49/Q 92) and Certlov (Zartlesdorf)(O 49/Q 92) were subordinate was stationed in C.Herslak (O 49/Q 92) until 27 November 1951. Another PS unit was in Dol.Dvoriste (Unterhaid) (O 49/Q 92). The unit in Certlov was located in the Certlov railroad station and checked travelers on the Certlov-C.Herslak line. (3) No observation towers or obstacles of any kind were seen in the border area. All villages in this area were inhabited.

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 Comments.

- (1) Previous information on the brigade in Plana was confirmed by the information

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Staff Captain Hronadko (fnu) who, in the present report, was mentioned as commander of the brigade in Plana, was detached to the U.S.S.R. in October 1951. His successor is Lieutenant Subrt (fnu).

- (2) It is considered probable that the PS units may receive AT guns and mortars as equipment; they are responsible for the defense of the border until the arrival of regular army units in the event of war.
- (3) These possibly may be of the 2d PS Bn in Kaplice subordinate to the PS brigade in G. Judojovice.
- (4) This information confirms the assumption that the remainder of the 1928 class and large numbers of the 1929 class were inducted on 1 October 1950.

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